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CITIZEN AWARDS PRESENTED

Parade Ushers In Dawson Springs' Christmas Season

By Carolyn Walker

Christmas festivities began Sunday with the annual lighting ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park. Mayor Jenny Sewell welcomed the crowd gathered for the ceremony, and the Rev. Brad Shuck, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

The program also included short musical selections by the Dawson Springs Junior High and High School bands. Susan Nightingale, representing the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, read the names of those in whose honor or memory ornaments were purchased for the Tree of Hope.

The Christmas decorations were lit by Miss

Dawson Springs 2014, Hannah Childers, daughter of Ivan and Teresa Childers.

The Professional Women's Club award was presented by Cheryl Hamby. This year's recipient was Dianne Labrado, FRYSC director in the local school system.

Kenny and Sylvia Thomas received the 2014 Community Service Award. They served as grand marshals of the parade, riding in a 1966 Ford Galaxy 500 convertible owned and operated by Bill Allen.

The Christmas parade, A Trail Town Christmas, followed the ceremony. Winning entries were announced by emcees Rick Hendrickson and

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THE GRINCH, riding on his trail horse, was the most original float winner in the Dawson Springs Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 7. The float was created by the Ramsey family.

MANAGER OF MAIN STREET PROGRAM RESIGNS

Chamber Planning Business Appreciation Dinner

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce met at noon Tuesday at the Darby House. Items discussed included the resignation of Main Street manager Melissa Heflin who has taken a full time position with the city. Chamber president Jenny Sewell said she will look into the status of the Main Street program to de-

termine whether the position should be filled.

Sewell asked Hank Mills, owner of Tradewater Canoes and Kayaks, to consider conducting classes on the river and trails. She also asked if he could participate in the Family Adventure Weekend scheduled by Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park in January.

Mills said he is open to both possibilities. He also noted

that Tradewater Canoes and Kayaks will open in the spring this year because of the number of people interested in being on the river in cooler weather. He has recently purchased additional kayaks for the business.

Mills also mentioned introducing kayak fishing. The river could be stocked with trout below the Mill Dam, and tackle for trout fishing is relatively

inexpensive, he said.

"That would be a natural," Sewell commented.

Mills said he plans to contact the authors of "A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to Kentucky" and invite them to Dawson Springs for a visit. The book's information about the Tradewater River is outdated, and Mills would like the writers to see how it has changed.

The 2015 calendar of events was discussed. The next event sponsored by the chamber will be a business appreciation dinner at the Pennyrile Lodge early in the year. Anita Black said she has been approached by someone who would like to have a motorcycle show in town sometime in the summer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place January 13.



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School Marching Panther Band's color guard waiting to perform during the Sunday, Dec. 7, Christmas lighting ceremony are (from left) Kayla Bigham, Savannah Bean, Sydney Menser, Tatum Rose, Cameron Riley, and Tiki Robinson.

Dog And Cat Rescued At Monday Night Fire

The Dawson Springs Fire Department responded to a room and contents fire at 208 Hamby Avenue Monday night. The page came in at 11:33 p.m., and the department was on the scene at 11:39.

According to Assistant Chief D.J. Oldham, the fire occurred in the basement of the home. The cause was undetermined as of Tuesday morning.

Remembrance Service Will Be Held Tuesday

The 10th annual Service of Remembrance and Hope will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Beshear Funeral Home. A reception will follow the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Christmas story will be presented through music and scripture readings provided by community friends. The service also includes a video tribute to those who have passed

away in 2014.

Elder Jeff Winfrey will bring the message, and Jason Dunbar will be the featured soloist.

Families who have entrusted Beshear Funeral Home with a loved one are encouraged to bring a Christmas ornament in that person's memory. The ornaments will become a permanent part of the collection and will be displayed for years to come.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST				
Wed 12/10	Thu 12/11	Fri 12/12	Sat 12/13	Sun 12/14
39/28	45/30	49/33	52/36	54/38
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Attorneys General Request Updates To No-Call Lists

By Justin Story
Bowling Green Daily News

Attorneys general from Kentucky and 37 other states are seeking updates to the national rule that regulates telemarketing abuses.

A letter signed by 38 attorneys general, including Kentucky's Jack Conway, was sent this week to the Federal Trade Commission urging the strengthening of the Telemarketer Sales Rule.

The rule, set forth in 1995 and amended three times, established the national Do Not Call Registry, restricts the hours during which telemarketers can make calls and requires telemarketers to get a customer's consent to be charged for a service.

The FTC sought comments this year on the sales rule to determine whether it continues to serve a useful purpose and how it could be improved.

Top law enforcement officials who signed the letter to the FTC have contended with an increase in fraud complaints from people who reported being contacted by telemarketers.

Fraud complaints originating from phone contact have increased in number and in proportion to all consumer fraud complaints each year since 2011, according to the letter, which cites information from the FTC's 2013 Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book.

The state attorney general's office fielded about 1,300 telemarketing complaints about unwanted calls last year.

"We've received a lot of calls particularly in the last year or so from companies trying to sell medical alerts or people who are calling saying they're selling home security systems and someone is eligible to get a home security system," said Allison Mar-

tin, spokeswoman for Conway.

The attorneys general are asking the FTC to prohibit telemarketers from using pre-acquired account information, in which a consumer's credit card information has been passed to a third party and could be used to place a charge against a consumer's account unwittingly.

The letter also asks to expand the rule to better address what is known as negative option marketing, in which a consumer's silence or failure to take action to reject a telemarketer's service or cancel agreement is taken by the telemarketer as acceptance of an offer.

Attorneys general also are requesting the rule that requires telemarketers to create and maintain call records and either ban or restrict certain methods of payment.

One problem in Ken-

tucky comes from telemarketers who are "spoofing" phone numbers so that a number shows up on a phone as a local phone number, Martin said.

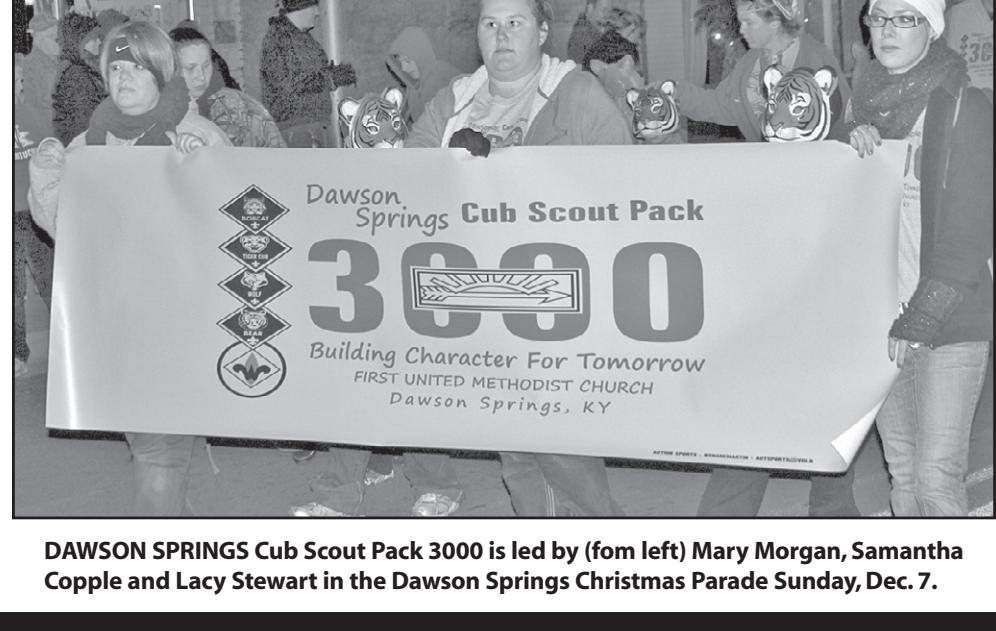
"It makes it difficult for our offices to find out where the calls are coming from, to punish the offenders who make the calls in the first place."

Martin said. "We want to try to cut them off at the front end instead of consumers having to deal with these types of calls."

Local law enforcement contends with reports of scammers who use several methods to reach out to potential victims.

"Citizens need to be

wary of anyone asking for personal information, either over the phone or any online chat room," said Officer Ronnie Ward, Bowling Green Police Department spokesman. "Be attentive to people asking you to cash checks or sending you a check and asking you to send money back to them."



DAWSON SPRINGS Cub Scout Pack 3000 is led by (from left) Mary Morgan, Samantha Copple and Lacy Stewart in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

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Jezebel

I Kings 16, 18, 19, 21; II Kings 9

Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians and the wife of Ahab, king of Israel. As soon as they were married, Ahab began to serve and worship Baal. One of Jezebel's early works was to attempt to have all the prophets of the Lord killed. Obadiah, a servant of the Lord, hid a hundred prophets of the LORD in two caves and supplied them with food and water.

Elijah, a prophet of the Lord, angered Jezebel when he killed the four hundred and fifty

prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah following the contest on Mt. Carmel. (I Kings 18).

When King Ahab reported to Jezebel that Elijah had her

prophets slaughtered, she declared to Elijah, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

Jezebel encouraged Ahab to confiscate Naboth's vineyard (I Kings 21), and she plotted with the leaders of Naboth's town to kill him. They did and Ahab took the land for his own vineyard.

Elijah, the prophet of the Lord, announced to King Ahab that the Lord said that the dogs would devour the body of Jezebel.

When Jehu was king of Israel he went to Jezreel where Jezebel was. She painted her eyes, arranged her hair and called out to him from an upper window. Jehu called for the eunuchs with her to throw her down. They did and her blood splattered on the wall and horses as they trampled her underfoot. Jehu ordered servants to bury Jezebel and when they went for the body they found only her skull, feet and hands. The dogs had devoured her flesh. (II Kings 9).

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Services Held Monday For Bettye B. Reynolds

On Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, Bettye Lou Brunson Reynolds passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Dawson Springs. She is preceded by her loving husband of 54 years, James Elwood Reynolds; her parents, Eugene Forrest Brunson and Imogene Nixon; her brother, Alver Arnold Brunson; and her sister, Gladys Wayne Brunson Dunning.

Bettye was a faithful member of Union Temple Baptist Church until a few months ago when her health began to fail. She and her late husband Elwood served the community diligently for many years before he fell ill to cancer. Bettye cared for him for several years before he passed away in 2006.

Bettye was first and foremost a devoted wife, loving mother and loyal friend. Although she gave birth to three children, she was a mother to countless others, including many nieces and nephews in whom she delighted.

Bettye was born in Hopkins County May 23, 1933, in an area then known as Fox Run near St. Charles. She lived her entire life within 25 miles of her birthplace, most of it in Hopkins County, and about 30 years of it on a small farm in Christian County where she raised her children.

Bettye was widely praised for her good cooking, but she also enjoyed homemaking, reading, sewing, gardening and canning. But her first love was learning about the Lord. She was a woman of resolute trust in God who eagerly anticipated returning to heavenly home.

Bettye is survived by a devoted sister, Shirley Jean Brunson Wilson, and half-brother, Arnold Ray Brunson, both of Dawson Springs. She left behind two sons, James Anthony (Mary) of Conover, N.C., and Robert Forrest (Julie) of



BETTYE REYNOLDS

Evansville, Ind.; and one daughter, Melinda Marcella (David) Suttner of St. George, Utah.

She also left 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They are Bria Shae Reynolds (Jason) Mulholland and daughter Capri Reese of Conover, N.C.; James Forrest "Sonny" Reynolds of Charlotte, N.C.; Lia Michelle Suttner (Justin Michael) Collings and children Julia Madison, Elisabeth Dorothea, Katharine Elise, Abdiel Michael, Gwendolyn Aurelia of Orem, Utah; Caci Lynn Suttner (Trevor) Chapman and children Christian Jace, Cali Sephora and Kensington Dior of Draper, Utah; Jennifer Dawn Suttner (Drew) Egan and son Michael Adler of Orem, Utah; Kinsi Jene Suttner of Salt Lake City, Utah; David Wayne Suttner Jr. of Provo, Utah; Charity Elise Suttner of Draper, Utah; Gabriel Rhine Suttner, serving an LDS Mission in Busan, South Korea; James Gerald Suttner of St. George, Utah; Hannah Rose, Mary Ellen and Sarah Grace Reynolds of Evansville, Ind.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Lake Grove Cemetery.

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A large crowd of all ages lined the streets of Dawson Springs early Sunday evening, Dec. 7, to watch the Christmas parade.

KET Previews Upcoming Programs Of Interest

On Sunday's One to One, host Bill Goodman sits down with representatives of Leadership Kentucky to celebrate the program's 30th anniversary. Begun in 1984, the non-profit leadership advancement program engages aspiring leaders from across the state to see that, as director Barry Bernson says, "history is not just frozen in words of a textbook. It's alive and well." The documentary can be seen at 8 p.m. Monday.

"Kentucky Bourbon Tales: Distilling the Family business," introduces viewers to the colorful characters who craft Kentucky's signature spirit. The program, drawn from more than 30 hours of interviews conducted by the University of Kentucky Libraries' Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, also explains the science and art behind the bourbon-making process and details how the beverage became a global phenomenon. The program airs at 8 p.m. Tuesdays on KET.

What do Bill Monroe's mandolin, Muhammad Ali's robe and Colonel Sanders' first pressure cooker have in common? They each have a significant story to share in documenting Kentucky's extraordinary history. Other items spotlighted in KET's new documentary "A History of Kentucky in 25 Objects," include a Kentucky basketball, Lincoln's pocket watch, Daniel Boone's rifle,



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State Announces Funds For More Trail Projects

Hopkins County was a recipient of two grant projects announced last week by Gov. Steve Beshear. The Mahr Park Trail Project in Madisonville and the Barnsley Landfill ATV Trail Project each received \$100,000 from nearly \$1.1 million in 2014 Recreational Trail Program grants to develop and maintain 17 trail projects.

"Improving Kentucky's trails is important to developing our state's overall adventure tourism efforts," Beshear said in a news release. "This funding helps our communities to not only open new trail projects but to also improve on existing ones that will help infuse tourism dollars into local economies and improve residents' overall quality of life."

RTP grants may be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails, and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. Examples of trail uses include hiking, cycling, inline skating, equestrian use, off-

road motorcycling and all-terrain vehicle riding.

Seventeen Land and Water Conservation Fund grants totaling \$700,000 were awarded to help fund tourism projects in communities throughout Kentucky. The Hopkins County YAA Park Improvement Project received LWCF funds in the amount of \$70,000.

"Parks and recreational facilities play an important part in enhancing the quality of life in our Kentucky communities," Beshear said. "This LWCF funding will go toward improving recreational projects in towns across the commonwealth and provide children and residents of all ages with safe, quality spaces to be active, play sports and live overall healthier lifestyles."

The LWCF is a grant matching reimbursement program for the development and maintenance of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, such as campgrounds, sports and play fields, swimming and fishing areas, boating facilities and trails.



SUSAN NIGHTINGALE, representing the Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society, places an ornament on this year's Tree of Hope located at Laura's Stylin' Salon.



PAIGE PAGANO holds eight-month-old Jace Pagano in his Santa suit at the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Millard C. Menser, 26, Hopkinsville, was charged Dec. 1 with failure to appear on a warrant.

—Jeremy H. Bourland, 30, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 1 with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting under \$500, on a warrant.

—Pamela T. Morris, 34, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 2 with failure to appear and first-degree criminal trespassing on Hopkins County bench warrants, possession of synthetic cannabinoid, agonists or piperazines and buying/possessing drug paraphernalia.

—Augusta G. Hallum, 35, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 3 with failure to appear and nonpayment of fines on Hopkins County bench warrants. She was also charged Dec. 6 with failure to appear on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Christopher L. Halum, 37, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 3 with first-degree manufacturing methamphetamine and probation violation for technical violation on Hopkins County bench warrants.

—Matthew D. Foe, 27, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 3 with non-payment of fines, failure to appear and first-degree criminal trespassing on Hopkins County bench warrants and possession of synthetic cannabinoid, agonists or piperazines.

—Derrick D. Lander, 38, Cadiz, was charged Dec. 4 with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

—Jason A. Hilt, 27, Niles Road, was charged Dec. 6 with fourth-degree assault.

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—Autumn N. Garrison, 22, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 4 with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting under \$500.

—Amber C. Evan, 36, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 6 with two counts of nonpayment of fines on Hopkins County warrants.

—Shawn L. Blanton, 37, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 6 with being a fugitive from another state on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Russell L. Miller, 36, Dawson Springs was charged Dec. 6 with non-payment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.

Three Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Tamberly S. Cavanaugh, 56, 275 Racetrack Road, was charged Dec. 3 with second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Steven L. Cavanaugh, 37, 275 Racetrack Road, was charged Dec. 7 with violation of a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order.

—Anthony W. Clark, 20, 108 Locust St., was charged Dec. 7 with non-payment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.

Two local men were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—David W. Rzepka, 39, Todd Lane, was charged Nov. 29 with failure to wear seat belts and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

—Jason A. Hilt, 27, Niles Road, was charged Dec. 6 with fourth-degree assault.

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LOOKING BACK**10, 25 & 50 Years Ago****10 years ago**

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004)

The 15th annual Dawson Springs Mini Christmas Parade will be held Friday night, Dec. 10.

Twenty months to the date that the First Baptist Church building on North Main Street was destroyed by fire, the congregation on Sunday will hold its first morning worship service in its \$1.7 million building on KY 109 just north of Rosedale Cemetery.

Adam Wade Vincent was born Sunday, Nov. 14, in Bowling Green. He weighed seven pounds, 10-1/2 ounces.

Kensley Nicole Norvell was born Monday, Sept. 6, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed six pounds, five ounces.

Burial for Thomas R. Edmunds, 49, was held Saturday, Dec. 4, at Ilsley Cemetery.

The funeral for David Wayne Carner, 43, was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Prospect Cemetery.

The funeral for Ella Mae Riley, 66, was held Thursday morning, Dec. 2, at Midway Pentecostal Church. Burial was in Hawkins Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 7, 1989.)

The Olney Road home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Scott was destroyed by fire Monday morning, Dec. 4.

Funeral for Mrs. Edith Louise Hamby Marshall, 76, was held Wednesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

Services for William Earl (Dottie) Eli, 81, were held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Macedonia Cemetery.

50 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 10, 1964.)

The Primitive Baptist Church will have open house at its new building on Walnut St. Sunday afternoon.

Laura Ellen Duncan was born in the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville Tuesday, Oct. 17. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces.

A surprise birthday party was given Sunday, Dec. 6, for Sara Lou and Bill Ed Brown.

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Jane Jennings, 82, Sunday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Dunn Cemetery.

Funeral services were held for Ruby B. Thomas, 80, Saturday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Moments in time...

• On Dec. 12, 1912, two years after it was stolen from the Louvre, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece The Mona Lisa is recovered inside Italian waiter Vincenzo Peruggia's hotel room in Florence. Peruggia had previously worked at the Louvre and had participated in the heist with a group of accomplices dressed as janitors.

• On Dec. 14, 1939, the League of Nations, the international peacekeeping organization formed at the end of World War I, expels the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in response to the Soviets' invasion of Finland. Although the League was the brainchild of President Woodrow Wilson, the United States never joined.

• On Dec. 11, 1944, the city of Toronto, Canada, is battered with its worst-ever snowfall. Twenty-one people died as nearly 20 inches of snow fell in a single day. The storm took place during World War II, and the city's ammunition factory was forced to close.

• On Dec. 8, 1980, former Beatle John Lennon is shot and killed by Mark David Chapman as Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, were returning home to their West 72nd Street Manhattan apartment building, the now-famous Dakota.

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"GUARANTEED LOW PRESCRIPTION PRICES"**Other editors****Kentucky pension system is public business**

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, is certainly right that the public "is not entitled to know every little thing about us."

We don't need to know Yonts' blood pressure or where he gets his hair done, or which, if any, bourbon he likes to sip of an evening.

But taxpayers are entitled to know how much he and every other state employee will receive from our public pension systems.

Yonts, chairman of the House State Government Committee, made his "every little thing" remark while explaining his opposition to two bills — pre-filed for the upcoming session — that would increase transparency in the beleaguered public retirement systems.

Specifically, Yonts thinks the public just doesn't have the right to know how much retirees are drawing in public pension benefits.

"Frankly, I don't think that's the public's business," he told reporter John Cheves.

It is all the public's business: How much people draw and how much the retirement systems pay hedge fund managers and other investment advisers.

Right now the largest of these funds, the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, which covers workers in non-hazardous jobs, is at a perilous 21-percent funding level. That means it has only about one in five of the dollars it is obligated to pay out.

This has happened for several reasons, undoubtedly the most important being that governors and the General Assembly have balanced too many budgets by forgoing the state's annual match to the money

paid in by employees. That's a breach of promise and an unconscionable slap at state workers.

But there are other reasons, too. The General Assembly has granted rich extra benefits to its own members. Lawmakers who later work a few years as judges or in the executive ranks of state agencies are eligible for public pensions that run to six figures.

Others game the system, too, by spiking their salaries just before retirement, through unusually large raises, overtime or compensation pay to boost their lifetime pensions. There are double-dippers who collect a pension from previous state employment while working at another state job.

And, then there's the \$55 million that the retirement systems paid to investment managers with very little disclosure about what we got for that money.

It's impossible to fix Kentucky's public pension mess without laying all the cards on the table. How much do the spikers, double-dippers and well-retired lawmakers cost the system? No one knows, or if they do they're not telling. How are the investment advisers' fees set and what do we get for them?

Yonts and public employees who say retirement benefits are none of our business should get over it.

Employees are absolutely right that they took jobs and paid into the retirement system on the belief the money would be there.

But taxpayers funded those salaries and will pay the lion's share of the bill to solve the pension mess. They have the right to know every little thing.

—The Herald-Leader, Lexington

Other editors**New hospital gown protects posterior**

Considering that clothing is a \$225 billion a year business, it is a more than a passing strange mystery that nobody seems to have designed a hospital gown that effectively covers its wearer's backside. Moreover, this unflattering garment can be donned only by puzzling out a complicated system of snaps and ties.

There have been efforts made before to design a more acceptable gown but, for whatever reasons, none of them has caught on or, for those of a justifiably suspicious nature, allowed to catch on, in hospital-land.

According to the Associated Press, the innovators at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit have designed a prototype robe, to be introduced in the Ford Health System's six hospitals and 29 medical centers. The robe, dubbed the "Model G" in deference to the auto pioneer's custom of identifying his cars by letters, like the famed Model T, is described as a wrap-around gown well secured to cover the patient's butt against drafts and sightseers.

Once in post-op, hospital aides could wrestle the doped up patient into a clown costume for all the groggy victim cares. But once the drugs wear off, the patient wants to shuffle about the ward and greet visitors with a modicum of sartorial dignity.

Not that we want — or want anybody else — to be in the hospital, save for childbirth. But, if that hospitalization has to occur, we hope the Model G is in popular use.

We have always suspected that hospital gowns were like baggy orange prison uniforms — demeaning, humiliating garments intended to inculcate in the wearer who is really in charge.

In return for decent gowns that don't make us look like down-market versions of Kim Kardashian, we promise to take our medicine without complaint, not ring for trivial needs and not say to male RNs, "Are you really a nurse? How come you're not a doctor?"

— The Gleaner (Henderson)

Letters to the editor**Seniors say thanks**

Dear Editor,

The Dawson Springs High School Class of 2015 would like to thank all those who helped with our annual Holiday Homes Tour. The people involved went above and beyond by decorating and having open houses for individuals going through the tour.

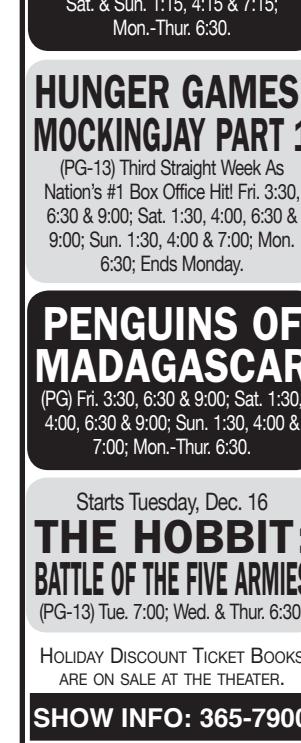
The seniors would like to sincerely thank The Darby House, Diana Edwards, Judith Johnston, Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park Lodge, Beauty Shop on the Square, Hollie's Florist & Gift Shoppe, Laura's Stylin' Salon, and Southern Belles & South-

ern Notions.

The senior class is truly fortunate to have the cooperation of such wonderful people and businesses. The tour participants were gracious enough to spend countless hours preparing their homes and businesses, preparing tasty holiday treats for their guests and opening their homes and businesses for our tour guests. It's a huge undertaking, and we are incredibly grateful to them and to those who enjoyed visiting this year's tour participants.

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SIGNIFICANT CUTS POSSIBLE AT UNION COUNTY MINES**Patriot Coal Gives Notice Of Potential Layoffs**

By Bill Estep
Lexington Herald-Leader

A Western Kentucky coal company that has provided an economic lifeline for some laid-off Eastern Kentucky miners has announced potential large layoffs itself.

Patriot Coal Corp. gave notice Friday that it might make significant job cuts at its Highland and Dodge Hill underground mines in Union County.

The two mines employ 670 workers. The company gave

federally required notice of potential layoffs to all employees, according to a news release from the company.

That doesn't mean all the employees will be laid off, but the company said it was looking at ways to deal with a downturn in demand that might mean "substantial work force reductions" in the next 60 days.

Patriot took part in four job fairs in Eastern Kentucky to take applications for jobs at the Highland Mine and had hired 151 miners, according to Michael Cornett of the East-

ern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program. The program sponsored the events.

"It's bad news at a bad time of year," Cornett said of the Patriot announcement.

Coal production in Western Kentucky has held relatively steady as the industry declined sharply in Eastern Kentucky since early 2012, resulting in thousands of miners in the eastern coalfield losing their jobs. Companies generally can produce coal at a lower cost per ton in Western Kentucky.

The two Patriot mines

covered by the federal layoff notice produced a total of 3.9 million tons in 2013.

The company said in its news release that a combination of low prices for natural gas — which competes with coal as a fuel for electricity generation — and federal environmental regulations continue to drive down prices for coal, resulting in operating losses for many companies.

Patriot, which had emerged from bankruptcy last year, closed some of its other mines in the region earlier.

Union County Judge-Executive Jody Jenkins said uncertainty in the Western Kentucky coal industry in recent years had been an ordeal.

"I hate it for every family involved," he said of the Patriot announcement. "It's Christmas time, and they're all our family and friends and church members. It just makes you sick."

"The last two years we've gone through the bankruptcy reorganization, the pension ordeal with the retirees and now this. It just continues to be a burden."



DAWSON Springs Fire Department vehicles travel down Railroad Avenue during the Christmas parade held Sunday, Dec. 7. A large crowd was on hand to watch the parade during ideal weather conditions. photo by Sheldon Mitchell



JAMIE MADDOX snuggles four-month-old Dane as they watch the Dawson Springs Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 7.



HEATHER STEVENS, holds one-year-old Kylin Moore while enjoying the Dawson Springs Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

Festivities Kick Off Local Christmas Season

—Continued from front page

Sewell as they passed the review-ing stand.

In the Royal Main Street category, Soul Harbour Baptist Church of Madisonville was the first place entry. Second place went to the First Baptist Church of Dawson

Springs.

First place in Best of Theme went to the Grimes family float. The Mills family float was second, and Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, third.

The Ramsey family was awarded first place in Most Original. The Dawson Springs Jr. Pro cheer-

leaders were second, and Dawson Springs Raceway & Hobbies, third.

First place in the Best of Show category went to Tradewater Canoes & Kayaks. Planters Bank placed second, and the Dawson Springs Fire Department placed third.

State, National Gasoline Prices Continue Going Down, Down, Down

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 8.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.62 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has decreased 6.7 cents per gallon in the past

week to \$2.69 per gallon.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs Tuesday were \$2.52 and \$2.59 per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 63.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 31.4 cents per gallon lower

than a month ago. The national average has decreased 25.4 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 57.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The amount of green on my screen is astounding — but there's no Grinch here! We continue to see significant price

drops in all 50 states. So large

are the declines and so low the prices that Americans are now saving over a quarter billion dollars daily versus prices

a year ago, or some 60 cents every gallon," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Sixteen states saw average gas prices

drop double digits per gallon over the last week, and we saw \$1.99 gas prices come back for the first time since 2010 in Texas and Oklahoma."

While many motorists are asking how long the decline and low prices will last, DeHaan said, "Don't worry. It's not over yet."

Tenth Annual Christmas & Special Recognition Service
"A Service of Remembrance and Hope"
 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2014, Beshear Funeral Home
 Reception to Follow

The Service will be a time of special recognition and Christmas Celebration.

All lives past will be honored. A special tribute will be made to those who passed away during 2014. This service will emphasize the importance of these lives through Lessons and Carols.

Readings will be provided by community friends, glorious congregational caroling, featured soloists and a candlelight service. Friends, Families, all who love the Christmas season—and what it truly represents, please attend! Please contact your family members who may like to attend and participate.

Everyone Welcome!

Christmas Tree Ornament

The staff encourages those families who ever have entrusted Beshear Funeral Home with a loved one, to donate one Christmas ornament in that person's honor. The ornament would become a permanent part of the collection and would be displayed for years to come.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS SEASON TIPS OFF

Girls get win at Frederick Fraize

The Panther girls recorded their first win of the young basketball season with a 50-18 win Dec. 6 against an overmatched Frederick Fraize squad at Cloverport.

The visitors took a 10-1 lead after the first quarter and extended it throughout the game. The score was 27-4 at the half and 39-11 after the third quarter.

"We played okay, and tried to work on some of our key points," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "We ran the court pretty well and had a lot of fast break opportunities."

Tiki Robinson led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 13 points.

"Tiki was attacking and scoring but also finding her teammates for open shots," Peyton said.

The coach was also impressed with two other guards, Brooklyn Cotton and Malaia Miller.

"Brooklyn had seven rebounds to lead the team, four assists and four points," he said. "That's a pretty good game. Malaia made some good passes, but we didn't make the shot for her to get the assist."

The Panthers pulled down 54 rebounds but again shot poorly from the free throw line making only four of 16 for 25 percent.

The hosts made only seven of 18 for 39 percent.



TAYLOR WHALEN (40) gets up a jumper against Trigg County last week at Panther gym. The girls dropped their opener on Tuesday but came back later in the week to pick up a victory at Frederick Fraize.



DYLAN SIMPSON (3) moves with the ball during the Panthers' season-opening game against Trigg County last Tuesday at Panther gym.

Panther guys drop season opener to Wildcats 80-35

The Panther boys took an early 13-12 lead in their season-opening game Dec. 2 at home against Trigg County, but let the game get away in losing 80-35.

"The first quarter wasn't too bad a game," fifth-year head coach Jeff Miller said. "But we got into foul trouble, and I had to make some substitutions."

The Wildcats took a 23-13 lead after the first quarter on their way to a 39-19 halftime advantage.

The second half wasn't any better for the Panthers as they faced a 64-30 deficit after the third quarter.

"We didn't rebound well," Miller said. "We weren't blocking people out."

The Panthers hit only two of the 15 3-pointers they tried for 13 percent while making only 38 percent of their over-

all field goals.

"You aren't going to get the job done shooting like that," Miller said.

The free throw line was also unkind to the Panthers as they made only seven of 15 for 47 percent.

Trigg County hit nine of 12 from the stripe for 75 percent.

The Panthers were led in scoring by Dylan Simpson with 13. Tanner Adams was also in double figures with 10 points while Hunter Dyer scored seven.

Turning the ball over was another problem for the Panthers as they did so 25 times.

"A lot of the turnovers were made trying to force the ball into their zone," Miller said. "We handled their presses, but we had a hard time with their zone. I ran out of timeouts in the third quarter."

The Panthers started four sophomores and a freshman. The Wildcats started a senior, a junior, two sophomores and a freshman.

"With our young guys, they have improved since last year," Miller said. "There were a lot of good things. It's part of the growing pains with sophomores and freshmen."

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Brooks	1	0	2	3
Simpson	5	2	2	13
Adams	5	0	5	10
Dyer	2	3	1	7
Jones	0	1	2	1
Clark	0	0	2	0
Edwards	0	0	1	0
Witty	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	13	7	15	35

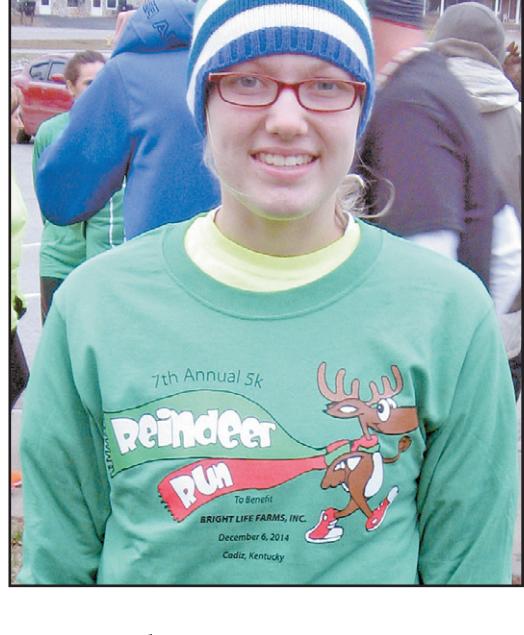
3-pointers: Brooks, Simpson

Trigg County	23	39	64	80
Panthers	13	19	30	35



All Area Cross Country

NAMED to All Area Cross Country Teams from Dawson Springs are (front, from left) Trinity Randolph and Brooklyn Clark, Elementary School team, (back) Kaylee Simpson, Middle School and Class A teams; Dylan Simpson, Boys Class A team; Ty Akin, Middle School team; and Paige Hendrix, Class A team.



Reindeer Run

MALLORY HALL, an eighth grader at Dawson Springs Junior High School, ran in the Reindeer Run 5K held at Cadiz Saturday, Dec. 6. The run benefitted the Bright Life Farms in Princeton.

Willie Cauley-Stein is The Man; Cards and Toppers goin' bowling

The Man.

Tribute to central character in Kentucky's perfect season so far, Willie Cauley-Stein, calls for context.

When WCS signed with Kentucky there was more *Willie Who?* than McDonald's ballyhoo. No press conference at Olathe Northwest High School in Olathe, Kansas, and no schmaltzy put-on-college-cap prima donna moment.

High school ratings experts(?) hurriedly labeled Cauley-Stein a basketball project who was a 7-foot wide receiver with 57 passes caught and 14 touchdowns scored his senior year.

Year I at Kentucky: Part flake, Part Cool Willie (black rimmed glasses, lopsided bleach blond hair and head band), he was relief for Nerlens Noel. WCS could block shots, but couldn't throw a free throw off the bridge at Clay's Ferry into the Kentucky River.

Year II: WCS was enjoying college, would stay in Lexington, he said. This, while his coaches recruited over him (Julius Randle, Dakari Johnson, then Karl Anthony-Towns).

Year III: Nine wins in, Kentucky's three-year-college-man is *The Man*.

While his coach characteristically takes the bows and issues one-liners, WCS's team is like one not seen here in half a century. In 1965 Rupp's Runts steamrolled nine pre-SEC foes, added 14 more wins in-a-row. They did it with the qualities that define Cauley-Stein — work, work, teamwork, patience, seize opportunity.

Year III Extended: Cauley-Stein, *The Man*, is the heart of a No. 1 ranked team because, beyond the obvious — attitude, expand skills, stamina and staying power — his maturity and patience have flowered into a coach's dream guy, selfless leader-by-example.

Bottom line? Come June, Cauley-Stein will be, if not a college graduate, then close. Then he projects to be hottest name in the NBA lottery. What *The Man* can take to the bank, along with his first six-digit check from professional basketball, is this: "Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself."



BOB WATKINS

Sports in Kentucky

I believe Willie Cauley-Stein understands the words of John Dewey, American philosopher.

Now, for Carolina

Why Kentucky is top ranked in college hoops 10 games in? In sports parlance "it sure ain't the shootin', but it is a sure thing — defense."

Best in the nation, defense is relentlessly and in waves.

Of UK's first 10 victims, Texas shot best, 29.8 percent.

Next to the altar, North Carolina.

Once believed to be squeaky clean, Tar Heels Hoops Inc. is an embattled program under NCAA investigation for major rules violations. The Heels come to Lexington this week and deserves, well, to "have the tar beat out of 'em."

Carolina is for Kentucky Step Three in a five point march. After Carolina, UCLA is Step 4, then on to Dec. 27 at Yum! Center.

A Commonwealth's Super Bowl.

Louisville

Eight games in, Rick Pitino's Cardinals (ranked 27 RPI, 129th strength-of-schedule) played somebody-to-build-on last week. Ohio State at Yum! Center was perfect — high profile program in rebuild mode in front of a full house.

To date, UofL's offense, 44 percent is adequate when coupled with a defense growing from very good to fearsome. Opponents are shooting 31.2 percent.

An eye on Dec. 27's Super Bowl, the drama thickens — Kentucky (ranked 2 RPI) allows opponents less than 30 percent, best in the land, while the Wildcats shooters can't shoot straight. Yet.

Christmas aside, UK and UofL statistical make for lively conversation at the local cafe.

Player of Year Sindelar

When Caldwell County High quarterback Elijah Sindelar was named Gatorade Player of the Year for Kentucky last week the criteria that earned him the honor is perfect for choosing Mr. Football 2014.

Statistically, Sindelar passed for a state-best 3,600-plus yards, 49 touchdowns, and just four interceptions.

Here's the best part: The Purdue-bound senior has a 4.0 grade point average; he tutors other students; and belongs to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bowl bound: UofL, WKU

Beyond the solid-for-entertainment four-team playoff matches, the blatant chi-ching matches abound.

Among the "ain't-worth-my-timers: Arkansas and Texas are 6-6 in the Texas Bowl; Bowling Green 7-6 and South Alabama 6-6 in the Camelia.

Among best matches: Georgia and Louisville are 9-3 in Belk Bowl. And, my favorite: Western Kentucky (7-5) and Central Michigan exiled south for a change, the Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Christmas Eve.

'Remember when' dept.

Point making. Jack Taylor of Grinnell College holds the NCAA record for points scored in a game. Two seasons ago, the 5-10, 170 guard made 52 of 108 shots (27 3-pointers) and seven of 10 free-throws, 138 points.

Comparison: Six decades ago Furman University Paladins All-American Frank Selvy was let loose on Newberry College.

With family and friends from his hometown, Corbin, in the stands on Frank Selvy Night and first college game ever televised in South Carolina, Selvy became the first college player to score triple figures.

Interestingly, Selvy shot 66 times, made 41 (no 3-pointers in 1954), and added 18 of 22 free throws.

Selvy's last field goal came from near mid-court at the final horn. Frank Selvy Night indeed.

Epilogue: What's happened with Jack Taylor? In November 2013, D-III Grinnell defeated Crossroads College 173-123. Taylor, now a junior, scored 109.

Worth repeating dept.

"A 13-year, \$325 million contract means Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton will 'earn' \$68,493 per day, year round, before taxes. That's \$2,854 per hour, non-stop, around the clock. \$48 a minute. In the time it took you to read the preceding, I think Stanton just made enough money to buy the Bahamas." — Greg Cote, Miami Herald.

Parting shot

Dick Vitale has been on the air for ESPN for three decades. An Internet story last week was headlined: Dick Vitale, 75, Says He Wants To Continue To Call CBB Games Until He's At Least 100 Years Old.

And so it goes.

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Few lures beat a tailspinner in cold water

By LEE McCLELLAN
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Some lures on the market have stood the test of time, catching fish decade after decade. The Dardevle spoon, the Panther Martin and Rooster Tail in-line spinners, the Jitterbug and the Hula Popper still catch fish today like they did when swing music topped the charts.

The tailspinner is another old-time lure that still catches fish consistently, and one of the best winter lures for black bass.

"The tailspinner is one of the only lures to catch a documented 10-pound smallmouth bass and a documented 10-pound largemouth bass," said Chad Miles, administrative director for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

They are not just bass lures, however. They also catch sauger and walleye below locks and dams during the winter months. Trout also hit tailspinners as do white bass during their spring spawning runs.

The lure is a simple design; a piece of lead impregnated with wire and a small Indiana or hammered Colorado spinner blade attached behind it with a treble hook underneath.

A Bowling Green businessman named Cecil Pedigo began tinkering with a tailspinner design in the 1960s. He employed a triangular-shaped piece of lead with a concave face to help the lure sink slower, along with a hook dressed in marabou behind a small Indiana spinner blade.

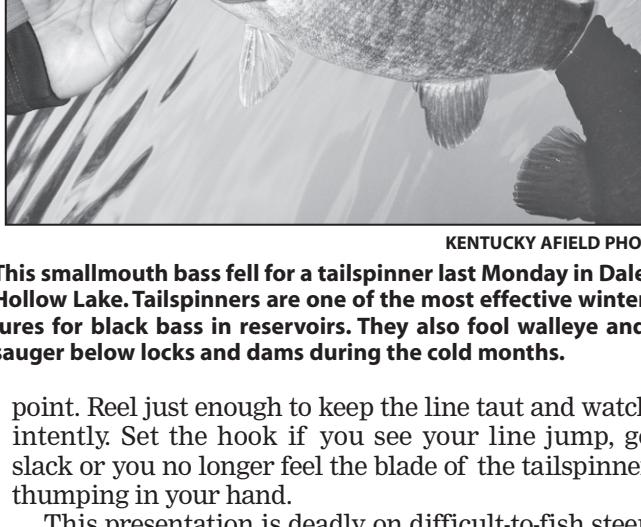
He called it the Spinrite, still held in legendary regard among smallmouth anglers in Kentucky and Tennessee. The Uncle Josh Company purchased the Spinrite from Pedigo and discontinued the lure many years ago, but a Kentucky company is bringing the lure back, appearing in tackle stores in the state soon.

Tailspinners are also found in tackle stores around major reservoirs in Kentucky and from most outdoor retailers.

The late Billy Westmoreland, considered by many the greatest reservoir smallmouth angler of all time, caught a 10-pound, 1-ounce monster smallmouth on a Spinrite in late winter while slicing points with one on Dale Hollow Lake. He also hooked a smallmouth on Christmas Day of 1970 that he believed weighed between 12 and 14 pounds, larger than the world record. The Spinrite popped out of the fish's mouth during a long fight. The memory haunted him for many years.

Slicing points with a tailspinner is a highly effective and easy presentation for black bass in winter. Fire a tailspinner to a main lake or secondary point and let it flutter down to bass suspended near the

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KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO
This smallmouth bass fell for a tailspinner last Monday in Dale Hollow Lake. Tailspinners are one of the most effective winter lures for black bass in reservoirs. They also fool walleye and sauger below locks and dams during the cold months.

point. Reel just enough to keep the line taut and watch intently. Set the hook if you see your line jump, go slack or you no longer feel the blade of the tailspinner thumping in your hand.

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The late Ted Crowell, former assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, used to catch largemouth bass from Lake Barkley in winter on a Spinrite. He said many of the fish were so fat they weighed 5 pounds, but were only 18 or 19 inches long.

"You can cast it out and fish it like a spinnerbait over grass or mud flats," Miles said. "The flats near deep water often hold big largemouths in winter."

He gave him a fair shot. He had a good life," Kinnaman explained. "He's famous. He still will be."

Kinnaman said he had the white deer on his mind as he took his bow to the woods before sunrise Tuesday. He spotted the buck on a ridge with two does and drew him closer by grunting like a rival male.

"He came up looking like a monster when I made that grunt," he said. "He came in ready to fight."

The first arrow glanced off a branch and just grazed the animal. Kinnaman lured it back using a doe call and, from 25 yards away, shot an arrow into its side. The buck ran about 30 yards before collapsing and dying.

Missouri Department of Conservation deer biologist Jason Sumner said albino deer are more susceptible to predators because their white color makes them stand out.

Kinnaman plans to have the deer stuffed and to sell it.

He's already been contacted by potential buyers.

"This is the buck of a lifetime," he said.

The compact design of a tailspinner makes it easy to throw one a country mile. Increased casting distance lends more stealth for the low, clear winter conditions on reservoirs.

Extra casting distance also comes in handy for wall-eye or sauger below locks and dams in winter as well as during the spring white bass runs. Sauger strike tailspinners fished just off the bottom below locks and dams on the Ohio and Kentucky rivers during the coldest days of the year.

Walleye in the tailwaters below Lake Cumberland, Green River, Carr Creek and Nolin River lakes strike tailspinners as well.

Smart anglers fishing below dams replace the treble hooks with a sharp single hook to reduce lures lost on the snag-prone bottom common in these areas. This is a good idea for those throwing tailspinners for trout in tailwaters as well.

White bass running in the headwaters of Nolin River, Taylorsville or Herrington lakes strike tailspinners with abandon, often soon after the lure splashes down.

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Jerry Kinnaman bagged an elusive 10-point buck on a friend's property in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, but he knows some people will be upset. The deer was a rare albino and something of a local celebrity after several sightings in recent years.

Kinnaman shot the buck Tuesday morning with a bow and arrow, the Southeast Missourian reported.

"I'm sure this is gonna stir some people up," Kinnaman said.

"You shouldn't worry about that," his friend, James Faught, replied. "I'd have done the same."

Even though he killed the buck legally on land just north of Cape Girardeau's city limits, Kinnaman knew he would get grief for shooting it.

Hunters who had the opportunity in recent years had passed, including Kinnaman himself.

"I had a friend who let me hunt on his land a few years ago and I asked him, 'Would you be offended if I shot this deer?' and he said yes because it was so beautiful, you know?"

Eventually, his friend changed his tune.

"He had people trespassing on his land (to see the deer) and it was getting to be too much of a hassle," Kinnaman said. "It got so bad that he came back to me

and said, 'I want you to shoot this deer.'"

Kinnaman said the deer had been shot before, surviving wounds to the shoulder.

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JV, freshmen beat Rockets

The Panther junior varsity and freshman boys basketball teams swept a doubleheader Monday from Crittenden County at Panther gym.

The junior varsity won 48-45 and the freshmen won 56-11.

The Rockets led 11-9 after the first quarter, but the Panthers tied it 25-25 at the half. The third quarter belonged to the home team as they took a 35-29 lead into the final period.

Austin Clark led the Panthers in scoring with 19 points. Tanner Adams scored eight; Dylan Simpson and Justin Putman each had six; Hunter Dyer scored four; Dakota Jones had three; and Schyuler Storms added two points.

In the freshman game the Panthers led 14-0 after the first quarter; 28-3 at the half; and 43-8 after three quarters.

Cole Cunningham led the Panthers in scoring with 10 points. Putman scored nine; Ethan Garrison had seven; Kevin Brooks and Skyler Lohse each scored six; Caleb Hickerson and Cole Collins each had four; Clark and Cody Shuck each scored three; and Tate Jones and Aaron Pendley each had two points.

Middle school boys drop tilts

The middle school Panther boys dropped a pair of games Dec. 2 at Caldwell County. The seventh grade lost 48-21 while the eighth grade was beaten 66-29.

In the seventh grade game the Panthers fell behind 13-2 after the first quarter and 20-9 at half-time. The deficit was 36-15 after the third quarter.

Ethan Huddleston, Ayden Davis and Skyler Clark each scored five points for the visitors. Ethan Fain had three points and Landon Pace scored two points.

In the eighth grade game the hosts put the game away early, leading 23-4 after the first quarter and 33-12 at the half. The lead extended to 58-23 after the third quarter.

Owin Riley scored eight points, and Braxton Cotton scored seven for the Panthers. Also scoring were Clark, five points; Cole Cunningham, three; Huddleston and Pace, each two; and Davis, one point.

8th graders split games

The Panthers and West Hopkins split an eighth grade girl/boy basketball doubleheader Dec. 4 at Rabbit Ridge.

The Panthers won the boys game 50-30 while the Cardinals won the girls game 19-15.

The Cardinals led 9-8 after the first quarter in the boys game, but the Panthers pulled ahead 18-13 at the half. The visitors continued to outscore their hosts in the third quarter and took a 40-17 lead into the final frame.

Cole Cunningham led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 18 points. Owin Riley also scored in double figures with 15. Braxton Cotton scored four; Ethan Huddleston added three; and Skyler Lohse, Skyler Clark, Ayden Davis, Landen Pace and Michael Burgess each had two points.

The girls game was about an exact opposite of the boys game with the Panthers taking an early 4-2 lead after the first quarter. The Cardinals came back for a 13-9 lead at the half and 15-9 lead after three quarters.

The Panthers' Erin Orten led all scorers with nine points. Mattie Fain had four and Mallory Hall scored two.



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL action got under way last week at the Panther gym. At left, Brooklyn Cotton brings the ball up the floor during the girls game against Trigg County. At right, Hunter Dyer flies in for a layup during the boys game against Trigg County.



'Best Frederick Fraize team' topples guys

"That's the best Frederick Fraize team I've seen since I've been coaching," Panther boys head coach Jeff Miller said following his team's 71-46 Dec. 6 loss on the road.

The Aces senior guard Nick Smith led all scorers with 22 points, all in the first half. He didn't play in the second half.

"He's (Smith) one of the top players in their region," Miller said.

The senior guard led his team to 22-11 and 52-12 leads following the first two quarters. Without Smith the Aces led 60-29 after three quarters.

Fourteen different players scored for the Aces.

"They were bigger, taller and faster than we were," Miller said. "Their length affected us a lot on our passing and shooting."

The Panthers were led in scoring by Dylan Simpson with 12 points. Kevin

Brooks scored nine; Hunter Dyer had seven; Austin Clark had five; Tanner Adams and Schyuler Storms each scored four; Dakota Jones and Justin Putman each had two; and Ethan Witty scored one point.

The Panthers' record dropped to 0-3 on the season with the loss. The Aces improved to 2-1.

"We are having a hard time right now shooting the ball, and the boys are frustrated as well," Miller said. "They shot the ball well this summer. We are getting the shots we want. We are just not hitting them."

The Panthers made eight of 14 free throws for 57 percent while the Aces made 13 of 22 for 59 percent.

The Panthers played last night at Union County. (The score was not known at press time.)

Madisonville-North Hopkins will host

the Panthers Friday, and Crittenden County hosts the Panthers Monday.

Sandwiched between those games is a boy/girl doubleheader at home Saturday against Whitesville Trinity.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Brooks	4	0	2	9
Simpson	5	2	1	12
Adams	2	0	4	4
Dyer	3	0	1	7
Jones	1	0	1	2
Clark	1	3	0	5
Storms	2	0	1	4
Witty	0	1	2	1
Putman	0	2	2	2
TOTALS	18	8	14	46

3-pointers: Brooks, Dyer

Panthers 11 12 29 46

Frederick Fraize 22 52 60 71

2nd quarter woes lead to boys loss at Lyon

After playing their hosts close in the first quarter, the Panther boys were outscored 23-9 in the second quarter Dec. 4 at Lyon County on the way to a 64-44 loss. It was the Panthers' second loss in as many games.

"We came out better and were only down 10-9 when they hit a throw-up shot from the 3-point line to end the quarter," Panther head coach Jeff Miller said. "We went ahead early in the second quarter, but foul trouble again got to us."

The halftime score was 36-18.

"The second quarter hurt us," Miller said. "We were playing three freshmen due to foul trouble, and we struggled."

The Lyons extended their lead to 52-25 entering the final quarter.

Dylan Simpson led the Panthers in scoring with 17 points.

Lyon County senior Jericho Wilkerson scored a game-high 22 points.

The Panthers turned the ball over 21 times compared to only eight for the Lyons.

"Half of the turnovers were when we tried to force the ball," Miller said in com-

menting they weren't forced by the defense.

The Panthers made only three of seven free throws for 43 percent. Lyon County made eight of 19 for 42 percent.

Hunter Dyer was also in double figures for the Panthers with 10 points. Kevin Brooks scored nine; Tanner Adams added four; and Dakota Jones and Austin Clark each scored two.

In the junior varsity game the Lyons defeated the Panthers 46-33.

Clark scored a game-high 17 points for the Panthers. Justin Putman scored seven;

Ethan Witty had three; and Jones, Schyuler Storms and Eric Cotton each scored two points.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Adams	1	2	4	4
Dyer	4	0	3	10
Jones	1	0	4	2
Simpson	7	1	1	17
Brooks	4	0	1	9
Putman	0	0	2	0
Clark	1	0	3	2
TOTALS	18	3	18	44

3-pointers: Dyer, 2, Simpson, 2, Brooks

Panthers 9 18 25 44

Lyon County 13 36 52 64

3-pointers carry Lyon past Panther girls

Lyon County hit nine 3-pointers against the Panther girls Monday night at Eddyville. The 27-3 difference in points from the 3-point line was just about the difference in the 59-28 Panther loss at Eddyville.

"They had a lot of points on transition when they would kick the ball out and make 3s," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "They just shot the lights out (from the 3-point line). We really didn't play that bad."

While the home team was knocking down their shots, the Panthers only made one field goal in each of the first two quarters and found themselves in 17-6 and 32-9 deficits

at the first two quarter stops. The score was 49-10 after three quarters.

"It sounds worse than it was," Peyton said. "We really didn't play that bad. We played pretty good defense, at least on the initial possession, and we didn't do too bad on the boards."

Seven players for the Lyons had at least one 3-pointer, and 12 players scored. Hannah Holloman knocked down three 3s on her way to a game-high 12 points.

Malaia Miller and Andie Mills led the Panthers in scoring with six points each.

"I saw a lot of positives out of our team," Peyton said.

"We improved our free throw

shooting and took care of the ball better."

The Panthers made seven of nine free throws for 78 percent. Lyon County made seven of 10 for 70 percent.

Hannah Winters and Brooklyn Cotton each had four points for the Panthers. Taylor Whalen and Tiki Robinson each scored three, and Ashton Mitchell had two.

"We really didn't play bad, we were just outmatched," Peyton said. "There were some positives we can take into our next game. They didn't give up and kept playing hard until the end."

The Panthers play Thursday and Friday at Livings-

ton Central and Madisonville-North Hopkins. Their next home game is Saturday against Whitesville Trinity.

The Panther junior varsity lost 44-22.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Mitchell	1	0	0	2
Al. Mills	0	0	2	0
Miller	1	4	0	6
Winters	2	0	1	4
An. Mills	3	0	2	6
Cotton	1	2	0	4
Whalen	1	0	0	3
Robinson	1	1	1	3
Woolsey	0	0	3	0
TOTALS	10	7	9	28

Panthers 6 9 19 28

Lyon County 17 32 49 59

Free throws cost girls in opening setback to Trigg

Many times the difference in winning and losing a basketball game is what happens at the free throw line.

When one team shoots more free throws and makes more than the opponent, it makes for an uphill climb to overcome.

That's what happened when the Panther girls hosted Trigg County Dec. 2 in the season opener for both teams. The Wildcats made 26 of 42 shots from the charity stripe compared to only nine of 24 for the Panthers.

The result was a 57-43 Panther loss.

"We lost by 14 points, but

the teams pretty much were even," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "They kept calling us for fouls. We put

them on the line quite a bit."

The Panthers were called

for 30 fouls while the Wild-

cats were called for 24. Most of the discrepancy in fouls was late in the game. At one point in

the first half the Wildcats had

been called for nine fouls to

only one for the Panthers.

Even with the discrepancy

in free throws, missed oppor-

tunities doomed the Panthers

as their own 37.5 percent

shooting from the line indi-

cates.

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Scenes From Sunday's Christmas Parade



SAFETY PUP, riding on a float by the Dawson Springs Fire Department, says, "Check your smoke alarms!"

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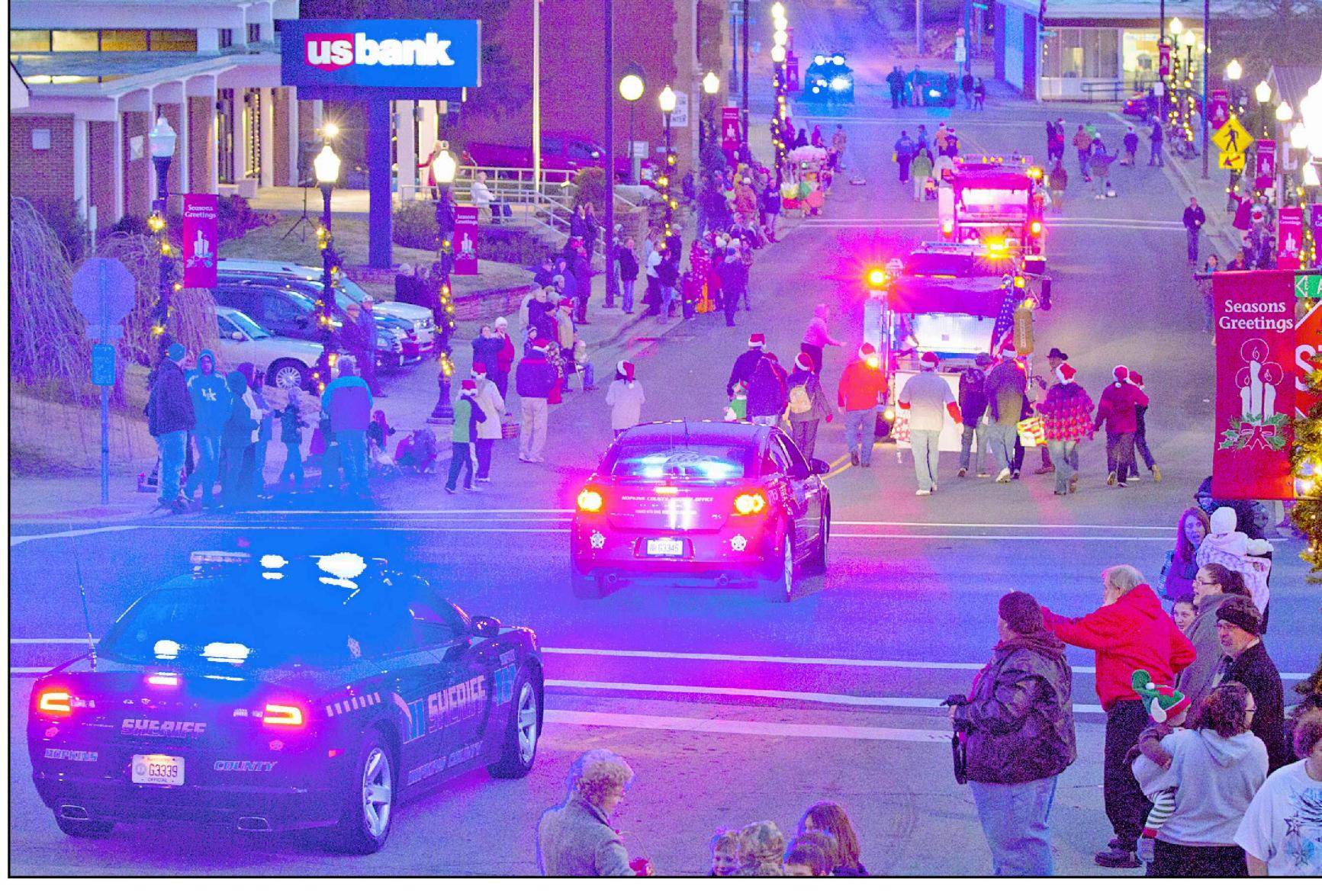
MISS DAWSON SPRINGS Hannah Childers, daughter of Ivan and Teresa Childers, rides in a 2006 Corvette convertible driven by Cindy Allen in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade.



GRACIE GRIMES, 5, with her pony on the trail to Nana's and Papaw's house was the winner of the "Best of Theme" float in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade.



TAKE a hike, is the theme of the entry by Tradewater Canoes and Kayaks which was judged first in the "Best Of Show" category in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade. Relaxing at the end of the trail are members of the staff at Tradewater Canoes and Kayaks in their hot tub.



A LARGE crowd of spectators line both sides of South Main Street to view the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

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WKU Grad Ceremonies Scheduled For Saturday

Western Kentucky University will confer degrees to approximately 1,300 graduates in two ceremonies during its fall 2014 commencement Saturday at Diddle Arena.

The 9:30 a.m. ceremony will include graduate and undergraduate degree candidates in the Ogden College of Science and Engineering, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and Potter College of Arts & Letters. Summer/fall gradu-

ates of WKU's Doctor of Education in educational leadership will also be recognized at the morning ceremony.

The 2 p.m. ceremony will include graduate and undergraduate degree candidates in the Gordon Ford College of Business, University College and College of Health and Human Services.

WKU President Gary Ransdell will deliver remarks at both ceremonies.

Caldwell Animal Shelter Sponsoring Santa Paws

Santa Paws is back for Christmas 2014. For the second year, New Beginnings-Caldwell County Animal Shelter is giving the community an opportunity to bring some Christmas cheer to a shelter pet. Participants can stop by the shelter at 489 Baker Hill Road in Princeton through Dec. 19 to pick a favorite shelter pet's name from the Santa Paws tree and purchase one or more items from the wish list. All gifts will be passed out to the shelter pets on Christmas Eve. Donations

will also be accepted. The Shelter Animals Give Back food drive will also continue through Dec. 19. Anyone who wishes to participate can bring canned goods by the shelter during regular business hours. As an added adoption incentive, anyone who comes to adopt a pet may bring five canned goods and receive \$5 off the adoption fee. All canned goods will be donated to a local/area food bank to help feed the needy throughout the community.



CARHARTT, Inc. in Hanson is named Industry of the Month for December by the Madisonville/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation. Pictured (left to right) Mark Lee, Madisonville city councilman; Linda Young; Rick Weber, Carhartt director of distribution; Charles Young, Hanson mayor; and Gerald Cook, MHCEDC president.

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Carhartt In Hanson Named Industry Of The Month

Carhartt, Inc., with operations in Hanson, has been named Industry of the Month for December in the Madisonville/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation's program for enhanced focus on existing industry.

Founded in 1889 by Hamilton Carhartt, the company is celebrating 125 years of making the hardest working clothes in the world. From humble beginnings with five employees and two sewing machines, Carhartt has grown to be the industry standard for heavy duty work and sport apparel. The company now has more than 2,000 United States associates, retail operations, a full women's line and operations in Europe and Australia. Last year

alone, over 7,000,000 garments were produced in four American factories. Carhartt has never stopped making apparel in the United States.

A retention project announced by Gov. Steve Beshear in 2011 involved an investment of over \$11 million that retained 550 jobs and also created an additional 150. This endeavor allowed the company to improve operational efficiencies and improve energy conservation. Carhartt has operated in Kentucky for over 80 years and began distributing product out of the Hanson Distribution Center in 1998. The Hanson facility is the company's one and only North American distribution center and employs more than 750 in Hopkins County.

Pennyriple Park Is Offering Family Adventure Weekend

Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park is offering a chance to get outside this winter with its first Family Adventure Weekend, Jan. 16-18.

Guests may participate in several outdoor activities, including archery, geocaching, mountain biking, bird watching, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, tree identification, orienteering and horseback riding. Participants must

bring their own bicycles or horses for those activities. There will also be an astronomy program Friday night and music on Saturday night.

When registering, participants will select three activities — two on Saturday and one on Sunday. The fee is \$15 a person. The registration form is due by Jan. 9 and is available at <http://parks.ky.gov/calendar/details/family-adventure-weekend/36602/>.



WHITLEY DILLINGHAM, MCC student of the month for November, with Chandy Melton (left) MCC assistant professor of history, and Dr. Jay Parrent, MCC chief student affairs officer.

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Whitley Dillingham Is MCC Student Of Month

Whitley Dillingham of Dawson Springs was selected as the Student of the Month for November by Madisonville Community College. She was nominated by Chandy Melton, assistant professor of history.

Dillingham is a student in Melton's women's history course, which is being taught as an open-source class for the first time. According to Melton, Dillingham has set a high example for her classmates and has been very innovative in gathering and organizing materials to support her course work.

She started keeping a

binder the first week of class and has essentially created her own textbook to use for quiz and exam preparation. She has perfect attendance and near perfect grades in the course. She has served as a team leader for her group during problem-based learning assignments. Dillingham's binder and research topics have given Melton ideas on how to proceed in the Open Educational Resource initiative.

Dillingham was presented with a certificate and a Barnes & Noble \$50 gift card Dec. 4 during the women's history class.

MCC Hosts School Counts DSHS Reward Breakfast

Madisonville Community College hosted the annual School Counts! reward breakfast Nov. 21 for the Dawson Springs High School program participants. Attendees successfully completed the School Counts! criteria during the 2013-2014 school year and received work ethic certificates.

To earn the work ethic certificate, a student must meet the following program criteria each year:

- Obtain a minimum 2.50 GPA yearly;
- Achieve a minimum 95 percent attendance and punctuality record (includes all excused/unexcused absences and tardies with the exception of school-related activities);
- Complete high school in four consecutive years;
- Take more than the minimum number of credits required for graduation.

Students earning four work ethics certificates are eligible for a tuition scholarship for up to 12 credit hours each semester for four semesters upon enrollment at Madisonville Community College. Funds are applied after KEES, financial aid and other scholarships have been awarded.

Class of 2015 having earned three of the four required School Counts! certificates are: Steven Bearden, Hannah Childers, Tiffany Fox, Brandon Hayes, Alex Mathis, Callie Menser, C.J. Merideth, Caitlynn Moore, Christina Nor-

Christmas Band Concert Scheduled For Sunday

The annual Christmas band concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Dawson Springs High School gym. The seventh and eighth grade and the high school bands will play.

Selections planned for the seventh and eighth grade band are "Silver Bells" and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

The high school por-

tion of the program includes two small groups. The flute section will perform "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and the mallet section will play "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The entire band will play "A Christmas Finale," "Three Quiet Carols" and "Joy to the World," featuring a tenor saxophone solo by junior Dakota Ford.



KIMBERLY FAULK (right) of the Hopkins County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accepts the 2014 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Betty Farris, chairwoman of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state women's committee during the December 5 recognition program at the 95th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting.

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Hopkins Co. Farm Bureau Receives Women's Award

Recognized for the achievements of its women's program this year, Hopkins County Farm Bureau received the 2014 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville.

The award honors county women's committees for active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational initiatives

and numerous other aspects of support to the local Farm Bureau.

Kentucky Farm Bureau, with more than 465,000 member families statewide, is the state's largest general farm organization. Approximately 1,500 members attended KFB's 95th annual meeting in Louisville, Dec. 3-6 to recognize this year's individual and organizational achievements and adopt policy for 2015.



HOPKINS COUNTY FARM BUREAU was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the 95th annual meeting in Louisville Dec. 5. Danny Peyton (center) accepts the award from KFB executive vice president David S. Beck (right) and Brad Smith, executive vice president of KFB Ins. Co.

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Curtis Dame Selected For KFB 2015-16 Lead Class

Curtis Dame, an agriculture extension agent in Hopkins County, has been selected to participate in the Kentucky Farm Bureau Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development program.

Dame joins 15 other Kentuckians for LEAD's two-year intensive learning experience — a program that KFB created to prepare future agricultural leaders for tomorrow's challenges. The 2015-16 LEAD class was an-

nounced Dec. 5 during KFB's annual meeting in Louisville.

LEAD is designed for Farm Bureau members between the ages of 25 and 40 who are currently involved in agriculture or a related business and want to increase their leadership effectiveness and involvement in Farm Bureau.

Dame, a graduate of McLean County High School and Murray State University, currently resides in Rumsey.

Former Resident Publishes First Book From Prison

Joshua Vinson, a former resident of Dawson Springs, has published his first book, "Field of Dragonflies," which he describes as an attempt to express his transformation.

The book can be read or downloaded at no charge at www.Prisons-Foundation.org. Other books by imprisoned authors are also available on the site.